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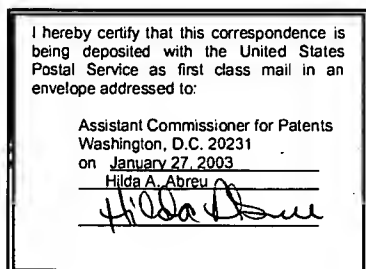
The above-identified U.S. patent application corresponds to European Application No. 02 024833.2. A Search Report recently issued in connection with the European application, and a copy of the Search Report is attached. The Examiner will note that the European Searcher identified three references as being relevant. Each reference was identified as a Category A document, and hence was considered to relate generally to the technological background of the invention. None of the references were considered to be particularly relevant to the claims. These references have been listed on the attached copy of Form PTO-1449, and copies of the references are attached. U.S. Patent No. 4,909,348 relates generally to a muffler formed from stamp formed metal components. The other two references relate to computer programming methods for presenting three dimensional point data.

The Examiner is requested to consider these references during the examination and to make the references of record.

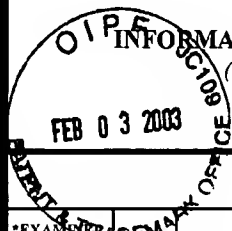
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

*EXAMINER INITIAL	REF	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
		4,909,348	03-1990	Harwood et al.			
		5,768,156	06-1998	Tautges et al.			
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